

**Upgradation of NHs in Bihar**

†\*331. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special package action plan is being formulated for converting the National Highways into 4/6 lane road and upgradation of the National Highways in Bihar in view of accepted parameters for determination of road stretches under the National Highway Development Project; and

(b) if so, the complete details thereof and the time-limit fixed for its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) There is no special package formulated for Bihar. However, several stretches of the National Highways in Bihar have been included in the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) for implementation under various phases.

An aggregate length of 890 km of different stretches of nine National Highways (NH-19, 28A, 30, 31, 57A, 77, 80, 84 and 85) has been identified for four laning under NHDP Phase III based on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT-Toll). 113 km of Patna-Bakhtiarpur section of NH-30 and Patna-Muzaffarpur section of NH-19 and NH-77 have been included in NHDP-Phase IIIA for implementation and balance 777 km is included in NHDP Phase IIIB, for which preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) is in progress. NHDP Phase IIIA is likely to be completed by December, 2010 and stretches included in NHDP Phase IIIB are yet to be approved by the Government for implementation.

**Implementation of packages for BTAD, Assam**

\*332. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress report of the implementation of Rs. 500 crores package for the Bodoland Territorial Areas District (BTAD), Assam till date;

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